

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 16, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

No extension of time is believed to be required based upon the filing of this Amendment prior to the deadline of the three-month statutory period (i.e., November 16, 2004). Authorization is granted to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 108391-00034**, for any additional fees necessary for entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been amended and claim 3 has been cancelled. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the Specification and the drawings, as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 4-5 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration.

The title of the invention stands objected to for an informality. The title has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection, and it is submitted that the title, as amended, complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(a). The objection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by the Wong, et al patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,280). Dependent claim 5 depends from independent claim 1. The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 3-4, objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim

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1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 2-3. Accordingly, claim 3 has been canceled and claim 2 has been amended to reflect the subject matter of dependent claim 5. Dependent claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 and dependent claim 5 accordingly has been amended to depend from now independent claim 4. Therefore, it is submitted that amended claims 1 and 4 are patentable and in condition for allowance. Amended dependent claims 2 and 5 depend from independent claims 1 and 4, respectively, and thus are limited to additional features of the invention. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number, indicated below, to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

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